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SUBJECT: SHORE LEAVE FOR CREWS OF US MERCHANT VESSELS

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1. APPRECIATE CHARGE'S COMMENT. ASSUME REFERENCE TO PRESENTATION OF CREW LISTS IN PARA 2 REFTEL SHOULD MEAN AT LEAST SEVEN DAYS BEFORE SCHEDULED ARRIVAL IN US PORT. IT IS, IN FACT, USG PROCEDURE THAT CREW LIST VISAS ARE VALID FOR ENTRY NO LESS THAN SEVEN DAYS AFTER THEY ARE PRESENTED TO CONSULAR ESTABLISHMENTS.

2. BELIEVE EMBASSY'S ARGUMENTS PRESENTED REFTEL CONCERNING TREATMENT OF CREW LIST VISAS ARE IN LINE WITH THOSE WHICH DEPARTMENT PLANS TO CONVEY TO SOVIETS HERE. (SEE STATE CONFIDENTIAL

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115351) DEPARTMENT WILL MEET WITH ZHUK AND MARITIME ATTACHE DZHAVAD OF SOVIET EMBASSY ON TUESDAY TO DISCUSS CREW LEAVE PROBLEMS. ZHUK IS SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICER WHO HANDLES CREW VISA MATTERS.

3. IN DISCUSSING MATTER WITH MINISTRY OF MERCHANT MARINE, EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS IN ADDITION TO

THOSE DESCRIBED REFTEL. THE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WHEREBY

INS ACCEPTS FOR VISA PURPOSES IBEX TELEGRAMS OF CREW LISTS IN LIEU OF ACTUAL CREW LIST VISAS, IS UNIQUE AND IS ENJOYED EXCLUSIVELY BY THE SOVIET UNION. USG INSTITUTED ARRANGEMENT AS ACCOMODATION TO SOVIETS IN MARITIME AREA. HOWEVER, WITH RESPECT TO VISAS FOR US MERCHANT SHIP CREWS AND VISAS FOR PASSENGERS ON US CARGO SHIPS, SOVIETS HAVE NOT MATCHED THE FORTHCOMING ATTITUDE OF THE USG. UNLESS THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT TAKES ACTION ON THESE MATTERS AS OUTLINED IN PARA 6, STATE 115351, USG WILL HAVE TO WEIGH THE POSSIBILITY OF DISCONTINUING THE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT AND RETURNING THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR SENDING CREW LISTS TO THE SOVIET SHIPPING COMPANIES. VANCE

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